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SUBJ: VLADIMIR SVERDLIN

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1. ACCOUNT GIVEN REFTEL OF ARREST OF REFUSENIK SVERDLIN AND ASSOCIATES IS NOT TRUE ALTHOUGH IT CONTAINS ELEMENTS OF FACT. ACCORDING TO LOCAL REFUSENIK SOURCE WHO ASKED NOT TO BE IDENTIFIED, SVERDLIN AND KAZANEVICH (ERRONEOUSLY REPORTED REFTEL AS KAVANOVICH) WERE NOT ARRESTED BUT WERE QTE TAKEN FOR QUESTIONING (VSIAT NA DOPROS) END QTE LAST WEEK. SOURCE REPORTS THAT POLICE DID NOT INITIATE A CASE. SOURCE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY ARREST OF WIVES OR ARREST OF THIRD PERSON MENTIONED IN REFTEL, WHO HE IDENTIFIED AS DUBOV (REPORTED REFTEL AS DUBROW). SOURCE UNABLE TO CLARIFY WHETHER SVERDLIN AND KAZANEVICH WERE ACTUALLY PHYSICALLY TAKEN IN FOR QUESTIONING OR MERELY SUMMONED FOR QUESTIONING.

2. IN ANY CASE, REPORT OF SUBSEQUENT ARREST IS INACCURATE. SOURCE MET AND TALKED WITH THE TWO MEN ON MORNING OF AUGUST 31 AND ASSERTED THEY WERE FREE AS OF THAT TIME. HE CONFIRMED REPORT (REFTEL) THAT MATERIALS ON JUDAISM WERE CONFISCATED AND ADDED THAT KGB ALSO CONDUCTED A SEARCH.

3. COMMENT: STRICTLY FOR BACKGROUND OF THE DEPARTMENT, WE HAVE HEARD SPECULATION THAT THE KGB MAY BE INVESTIGATING REPORTED DISSENTION WITHIN THE REFUSENIK RANKS. ACCORDING TO SOURCE, ONE

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REFUSENIK IS IN THE HOSPITAL "BEATEN UP" AND "SOMETHING" HAPPENED

WITHIN REFUSENIK CIRCLES. HE SPECULATES THAT THE KGB IS NOW
LOOKING FOR A WAY TO EXPLOIT SITUATION.
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